

EPL Class of 2017-2018 Proposed Projects



Allen, Jennie

Union County High School

Union, SC

Jennie will create a workshop for teachers that will discuss ways to improve homebound education. She will also make packets with information about homebound education for teachers, students, and parents.

Bingham, Jackson

Dorman High School

Spartanburg, SC

Jackson will be partnering with the group United Sound, an organization that promotes meaningful music education and performance for special needs students through peer mentoring, to bring their program to Dorman High School, where he is a senior.

Cheepurupalli, Vinita

Spring Valley High School
Columbia, SC

Vinita will collect old, used, and new eyeglasses and donate them to the SC Lions Charitable Services. This organization repurposes these eyeglasses so that SC residents who cannot afford glasses can use them.

Daly, Erica

Fort Mill High School
Tega Cay, SC

Erica will contact local women who are serving or have served in public office to speak about their experiences in campaigning for office, serving in public office, utilizing different skill sets, and running a successful campaign. These women will meet with high school female students to inspire them to one day run for office.

Fisher, Kirsten

Wilson Hall
Sumter, SC

Kirsten will create the "Thanks Living Organization" that will raise money to allow needy children the opportunity to buy themselves and their families Christmas presents.

Hussain, Farehaa

Riverside High School
Greer, SC

Will create TED based talk at her high school. She will audition and later instruct students in the art of public speaking. Riverside students will be invited to attend the talk and interact with the student speakers encouraging dialogue.

Karamitros, Vivian

Clover High School
Clover, SC

Vivian will create "Paving Path to College" for Latino Clover HS students. She has also developed a manual that teaches how to collect, summarize, and organize information about potential colleges.

Mahoney, Avi

Strom Thurmond High School
Johnson, SC

Will create "Students Helping Students", a student mentoring that pairs seniors with freshman to help them navigate 1st year of high school.

Malde, Ronak

Southside High School
Greenville, SC

Ronak will implement a pedestrian crosswalk and school speed zone behind Southside High School and Thomas E. Kerns Elementary School. He will also have sessions that will inform students about pedestrian safety with a Walk-to-School Day.

McNeil, Ellery

Carolina High School
Greenville, SC

Ellery will create a Saturday program for low income children (grade 3 -5) that includes field trips, art classes, healthy living.

Moorehead, Melody

Hannah-Pamplico High School
Pamplico, SC

Will create the "Reading Raider Program"(k-4) where high school students tutor and help twice a week. High school students will be trained on how to work with students to motivate them to read and take reading risks.

Nelli, Olivia

JL Mann High School
Greenville, SC

Olivia will create a program called LOVING LUGGAGE to aid foster children. She will provide gently-used donated suitcases that will include a book, school supplies, and a blanket or lovey to the Department of Social Services for foster children to use when they are moved from home to home.

Patel, Tejas

Cougar New Tech
Walterboro, SC

Tejas is joining with fellow high school students to bring awareness to and honor local veterans. Students will visit the veterans, plan activities for them, and thank them for their service.

Patrick, Mary Laurel

Greenville Sr. High Academy
Greenville, SC

Mary Laurel will create a raised-bed garden in the middle of Sullivan Street. Having a community garden in Butler Park will allow for interaction and improve relations between higher and lower income families, as well as the businesses and schools in the area.

Snyder, Manning

Porter Gaud

Charleston, SC

Manning's project, "Reading for Life", is designed to improve the literacy rate of underprivileged youth in the Charleston area. He will accomplish this in two ways: first, he will plan a large city-wide book drive; second, he will host a reading day in Title 1 schools in Charleston. The goal will be to encourage active and routine reading by providing books to kids in need.

Trapp, Queen

Ridge View High School

Columbia, SC

Queen will create an all-day mental health art and gallery exhibit to create awareness of mental health issues. Everything will be created by teens for teens. She will explore questions like "What does mental health look like in the community?" and "What does mental health look like to you?"

Winburn, Duncan

Westwood High School

Duncan, SC

Duncan will create a day for special education students called "Unbroken Star Day" where they get to be the stars. Activities will include painting, sculpting with clay, singing, dancing, and acting. After the event, there will be a showcase in which students may display their artwork, perform their play, etc.